

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 842

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring public school districts to provide certain  
3 opportunities to career and technical students under the college  
4 credit program.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 28.009, Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) A program implemented under this section must provide  
9 a career and technical student the opportunity to earn credit for a  
10 single course or activity, including an apprenticeship or training  
11 hours, necessary to obtain an industry-recognized credential or  
12 certificate or an associate degree, concurrently toward both the  
13 student's high school diploma and postsecondary academic  
14 requirements, if the course or activity is approved by the Texas  
15 Higher Education Coordinating Board for that purpose.

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016  
17 school year.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

ADOPTED

MAY 20 2013

*Atty. Gen. Scott*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: Devell

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 842:

By: Robert Owen

C.S. H.B. No. 842

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9 student the opportunity to earn credit for a course or activity,  
10 including an apprenticeship or training hours:

11 (1) that:

12 (A) satisfies a requirement necessary to obtain  
13 an industry-recognized credential or certificate or an associate  
14 degree; and

15 (B) is approved by the Texas Higher Education  
16 Coordinating Board; and

17 (2) for which a student may earn credit concurrently  
18 toward both the student's high school diploma and postsecondary  
19 academic requirements.

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21 school year.

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 21, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB842** by Bell (Relating to the provision of certain opportunities to career and technical students by public school districts under the college credit program.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would allow school districts to implement a college credit program that provided a career and technical education (CTE) student the opportunity to earn the credit for a course or activity, including an apprenticeship or training, necessary to obtain an industry-recognized credential, certificate or an associate degree concurrently with the student's high school diploma if the course or activity was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for that purpose.

The act applies beginning with the 2015 - 2016 school year.

To the extent that the bill results in an increase in semester credit hours or contact hours at institutions of higher education, there could be formula costs to the State.

**Local Government Impact**

Currently, college credit program provisions require each school district to make a program available for students to earn the equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours of college credit in high school. This bill would allow school districts to provide CTE students the opportunity to earn the credit for a course or activity, including an apprenticeship or training, needed to obtain an industry-recognized credential or certificate or an associate degree. There might be administrative costs for school districts that do not currently include CTE program courses or activities in their college credit programs that meet the bill's requirements.

There would likely be additional costs for school districts to pay tuition for students participating in additional dual credit courses if there was a cost associated with those courses. There could be costs for districts associated with any required equipment related to teaching new CTE courses. There could also be costs associated with hiring additional teachers to teach CTE courses that are not currently being taught. These costs would be voluntary.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Central Education Agency, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

**LBB Staff:** UP, SD, RB, JBi, GO, JSc

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 15, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Dan Patrick, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB842** by Bell (Relating to the provision of certain opportunities to career and technical students by public school districts under the college credit program.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 10, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Dan Patrick, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB842** by Bell (Relating to requiring public school districts to provide certain opportunities to career and technical students under the college credit program.), **As Engrossed**

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 25, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable John Davis, Chair, House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB842** by Bell (Relating to requiring public school districts to provide certain opportunities to career and technical students under the college credit program.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 9, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable John Davis, Chair, House Committee On Economic & Small Business Development

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB842** by Bell (Relating to requiring public school districts to provide certain opportunities to career and technical students under the college credit program.), **As Introduced**

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Currently, college credit program provisions require each school district to make a program available for students to earn the equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours of college credit in high school. The bill would require school districts to provide CTE students the opportunity to earn the credit needed to obtain an industry-recognized credential or an associate degree. An associate degree requires 60 semester hours of college credit, or 48 hours in addition to the 12 required under current law. School districts that do not currently have a CTE program that meets the bill's requirements would incur administrative costs.

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